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На тему: *«The Passive voice»*



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Passive Voice

We use passive forms when:

- a) we don't know **WHO** did it;
The window was broken an hour ago.
- b) we are interested in **WHAT** happens, not **WHO** it is done by;
His watch was stolen in the street.
- c) the situation is rather formal.
Smoking is not allowed.

Passive Voice

be + V₃

Somebody cleans **this room** every day. (*active*)
subject *object*

This room is cleaned every day. (*passive*)
subject

The object of the active verb becomes the subject in the new sentence.



There are 8 forms of the verbs in the Passive voice.



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| <i>Present Simple</i> | am / is / are + V3 | The work is done. |
| <i>Past Simple</i> | was / were + V3 | The work was done. |
| <i>Future Simple</i> | will be / shall be + V3 | The work will be done. |
| <i>Present Progressive</i> | is / are being + V3 | The work is being done. |
| <i>Past Progressive</i> | was / were being + V3 | The work was being done. |
| <i>Present Perfect</i> | have been + V3 | The work has been done. |
| <i>Past Perfect</i> | had + V3 | The work had been done. |
| <i>Future Perfect</i> | will have been + V3 | The work will have been done. |

the telephone



invented by
Alexander Graham Bell

dynamite



invented
by Alfred Nobel

Airplanes



invented
by the Wright brothers

the
light bulb



invented by
Thomas Edison



A novel



written by
Charles Dickens



A play

written by

William
Shakespeare



A paperback



written by
Stephen King

A screenplay



written by
Steven Spielberg

Rewrite these sentences using Passive voice:

1. People *don't use* this road very often.
2. Somebody *is using* the comp at the moment.
3. They *have built* a new hospital near the airport.
4. They *cancelled* all flights because of fog.
5. Somebody *was cleaning* the room when I arrived.
6. The car was 3 years old but no one *had used* it very much.
7. Somebody *will translate* this article tomorrow.
8. By the end of the week Nick *will have finished* his report.

Remember

If we want to say *who does the action*,

we use **by** :

This house was built by my grandfather.
Two hundred people are employed by the company.

If somebody does the action *with the help of instruments*, we use **with** :

Meat should be cut with a knife.
Food in Japan is eaten with chopsticks.



Passive voice with the verbs that have two objects

Some verbs can have two objects:

We gave **the police** **the information**.

object 1 *object 2*

So it is possible to make two passive sentences:

The police were given the information. Or

The information was given to the police.

Other verbs which can have two objects are :

ask **offer** **pay** **refuse**

send **show** **teach** **tell**

Sputum is appeared by mycobacterium tuberculosis.

Organs are affected by mycobacterium tuberculosis.

The tuberculosis was discovered by Koch.